

Veto Messages:

Medicare Improvement for Patients and Providers Act—Veto Message: By 70 yeas to 26 nays (Vote No. 177), two-thirds of the Senators voting, a quorum being present, having voted in the affirmative, H.R. 6331, to amend titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act to extend expiring provisions under the Medicare Program, to improve beneficiary access to preventive and mental health services, to enhance low-income benefit programs, and to maintain access to care in rural areas, including pharmacy access, upon reconsideration was passed, the objections of the President of the United States to the contrary notwithstanding. **Pages S6705–10**

Stop Excessive Energy Speculation Act—Agreement: A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that S. 3268, to amend the Commodity Exchange Act, to prevent excessive price speculation with respect to energy commodities, to be introduced by the Majority Leader, on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, that notwithstanding an adjournment of the Senate on Tuesday, July 15, 2008, it be considered to have received a first reading. **Page S6797**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Thomas J. Madison, of New York, to be Administrator of the Federal Highway Administration.

Beverly Allen, of Georgia, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Donald H. Dyal, of Texas, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Jeffrey B. Rudman, of Massachusetts, to be a Member of the National Museum and Library Services Board for a term expiring December 6, 2013.

Timothy G. Dugan, of Wisconsin, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Wisconsin.

Michael G. Considine, of Connecticut, to be United States Attorney for the District of Connecticut for the term of four years.

Benton J. Campbell, of New Jersey, to be United States Attorney for the Eastern District of New York for the term of four years.

A. Brian Albritton, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Middle District of Florida for the term of four years.

David Reid Murtaugh, of Indiana, to be Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs, Office of National Drug Control Policy.

40 Army nominations in the rank of general.

1 Marine Corps nomination in the rank of general.

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Record Votes: Three record votes were taken today. (Total—177) **Pages S6685, S6704, S6710**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:01 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 16, 2008. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on pages S6797–98.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SEMIANNUAL MONETARY POLICY REPORT

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the semiannual "Monetary Policy Report to the Congress", after receiving testimony from Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System.

U.S. FINANCIAL MARKETS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine recent developments in United States financial markets and regulatory responses to those developments, after receiving testimony from Henry M. Paulson, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury; Ben S. Bernanke, Chairman, Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System; former Representative Christopher Cox, Chairman, United States Securities and Exchange Commission.

SUMMER AIR TRAVEL

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Aviation Operations, Safety, and Security concluded a hearing to examine the 2008 summer air travel season, focusing on addressing congestion and delay, after receiving testimony from Hank Krakowski, Chief Operating Officer, Air Traffic Organization, Federal Aviation Administration, and Tyler Duvall, Acting Under Secretary for Policy,

both of the Department of Transportation; Susan Fleming, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, Government Accountability Office; and John M. Meenan, Air Transport Association of America, Inc., Washington, D.C.

ENERGY MARKET

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 3233, to promote development of a 21st century energy system to increase United States competitiveness in the world energy technology marketplace, and S. 2730, to facilitate the participation of private capital and skills in the strategic, economic, and environmental development of a diverse portfolio of clean energy and energy efficiency technologies within the United States, to facilitate the commercialization and market penetration of the technologies, after receiving testimony from Alexander Karsner, Assistant Secretary of Energy for Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy; John Denniston, Kleiner, Perkins, Caufield, and Byers, Menlo Park, California; Jeanine Hull, Dykema Gossett, PLLC, Washington, D.C.; Dan W. Reicher, Google.org, Mountain View, California; and Jeffrey Eckel, Hannon Armstrong, Annapolis, Maryland.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine international enforcement of intellectual property rights and American competitiveness, after receiving testimony from Andy Lack, SONY BMG Music Entertainment, and Jeff Kindler, Pfizer, Inc., both of New York, New York; John H. Barton, Stanford Law School, Stanford, California; and J. Walter Cahill, International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees, Moving Pictures Technicians, Artists and Allied Crafts of the United States, Its Territories and Canada, AFL-CIO, CLC, Washington, D.C.

CRISIS IN ZIMBABWE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the crisis in Zimbabwe and prospects for its resolution, after receiving testimony from Jendayi Frazer, Assistant Secretary, Bureau of

African Affairs, Department of State; Katherine J. Almquist, Assistant Administrator, Bureau for Africa, United States Agency for International Development (USAID); Tom Melia, Freedom House, Washington, D.C.; and Michelle D. Gavin, Council on Foreign Relations, New York, New York.

NOMINATION

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Gus P. Coldebella, of Massachusetts, to be General Counsel, Department of Homeland Security, after the nominee testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COVERAGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the Americans with Disabilities Act (Public Law 101-336), focusing on ways to determine the proper scope of its coverage, after receiving testimony from Chai Feldblum, Georgetown University Law Center Federal Legislation Clinic, Michael Eastman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Terry W. Hartle, American Council on Education, and Andrew Grossman, Heritage Foundation, all of Washington, D.C.; Samuel R. Bagenstos, Washington University Law School, Saint Louis, Missouri; Sue Gamm, Public Consulting Group, Chicago, Illinois; Carey L. McClure, Griffin, Georgia; and Jo Anne Simon, Brooklyn, New York.

GOOGLE-YAHOO AGREEMENT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Antitrust, Competition Policy and Consumer Rights concluded a hearing to examine the Google-Yahoo agreement, focusing on the future of internet advertising, after receiving testimony from David Drummond, Google Inc., Mountain View, California; Michael Callahan, Yahoo!, Sunnyvale, California; Brad Smith, Microsoft Corporation, Redmond, Washington; Matthew Crowley, Yellowpages.com, Glendale, California; and Tim Carter, AsktheBuilder.com, Cincinnati, Ohio.